

Acute/Chronic Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (AC PNP)

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- Master of Science in Nursing
- Post-Master's Certificate*

*A Post-Master's Certificate may be earned for any NP or CNS option.

Admission Guidelines

The Role

The AC PNP program, formally known as the Pediatric Critical Care Nurse Practitioner Program (PCCNP), is designed to prepare experienced pediatric nurses for roles as advanced practice nurses in the subspecialty care of infants and children with complex acute/chronic conditions.

The Program

The graduate core and advanced practice nursing core courses emphasize the curricula requirements as outlined in the Essentials of Master's Education for Advanced Practice Nursing by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. This coursework is available in online and/or compressed formats for distance students. Students must have at least two years of recent pediatric experience and current Pediatric Advanced Life Support training before advancing to the specialty curriculum.

The AC PNP specialty curriculum starts with a core knowledge set of pediatric concepts ranging from normal growth and development through health screening and maintenance. It then advances to provide in-depth education into specialty practice for nurse practitioners working with infants, children, and their families with complex health care needs. Specialty courses are provided in a combination of online learning and compressed campus visits. Graduates are prepared to meet the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Competencies as defined by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

Graduates receive a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree. Post-Master's Certificate study is also available and is individualized for each student based on previous graduate education and advanced practice nursing experience.

The Faculty

Rush College of Nursing faculty are highly experienced practitioner-teachers with doctoral and master's degrees and certification in their specialties. The Practitioner-Teacher model at Rush University allows faculty to maintain and enhance their clinical expertise and apply it to research and academic programs. Faculty are nationally known in their various areas of expertise and are actively involved in professional organizations. Faculty are also well published and frequently speak at regional, national, and international professional meetings.

Faculty Contact for the Acute/Chronic Care Pediatric NP Programs of Study, frequently asked questions, and program availability:

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Clinical Sites

Students complete clinical rotations in areas such as the PICU, NICU, ED, pain service, infectious disease, radiology, child life, nephrology, oncology, palliative care, and cardiovascular surgery. Clinical sites are available at Rush University Medical Center and throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Distance clinical sites must be negotiated on an individual basis.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the AC PNP program work with patients and families to meet the demands of their disease, illness, or injury in a variety of settings that include, but are not limited to: intensive care, emergency care, specialty service, inpatient unit, and transport team.

Certification and Accreditation

Completion of the program provides eligibility for certification as an Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board and for state licensure/certification where available.

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